schools, CBSE also publishes affiliation status of such institutions in local dailies to keep the general public informed.

**Operation of foreign educational institutes**

†342. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that admission and operation of foreign educational institutes in the country is under consideration;

(b) if so, the names of foreign institutes which would be allowed for this purpose; and

(c) whether this decision would not affect the existing educational institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) In the field of technical education, the regulations of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for entry and operation of foreign universities/institutions imparting technical education in India have been notified on 16 May, 2005. Under these regulations, the following institutes have been accorded approval by AICTE for conducting foreign university programmes in India;

(i) Institute of Hotel Management, Aurangabad (Maharashtra) in collaboration with University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom.

(ii) Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology, Panipat (Haryana) in collaboration with Staffordshire University, United Kingdom.

(iii) Sreenidhi Institute of Science and Technology, District Rangareddy, (Andhra Pradesh) in collaboration with Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, New York, United States of America.

(iv) IIMT Hotel Management College, Meerut, (Uttar Pradesh) in collaboration with Regency Institute of TAFE, Adelaide, Australia.

A legislative proposal for regulating the entry and operation of foreign educational institutions in India is under consideration of the Government.

**Enrolment of minority children**

343. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enrolment rate of minority children at the primary level is abysmally low at 9.39 per cent;

(b) whether these figures were disclosed by Flash Statistics: Elementary Education in India, which aimed at reviving progress of school children in the country;

(c) whether, in the statistical figures, Muslim enrolment were included for the first time in such a study;

(d) whether, according to the Ministry, the survival rate of a Muslim child at grade five has improved during the last couple of years; and

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(e) what are the other steps Government proposes to take to improve the enrolment of minorities during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A religion-wise data is not being collected by the Ministry. However, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) collects elementary school statistics annually through the District Information System on Education (DISE) from all districts in the country. NUEPA, in the flash statistics of its publication entitled, "Elementary Education in India" — progress towards UEE, has for the first time included the figures of Muslim enrolment. It reveals that the present share of Muslim enrolment at primary level is 9.39 per cent. Since, the data on Muslim children through DISE is collected for the first time, comparison cannot be made.

(e) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan provides *inter alia* for focused provisioning of infrastructure in minority concentration districts, free text books upto class VIII, Urdu text books in Urdu medium schools, KGBV hostels in the minority concentration blocks, educationally backward blocks.

**Promotion of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in rural areas**

†344. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of effective steps taken by Government, so far, to promote the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in rural areas in the country; and

(b) the number of students who have benefited from the same in various States during last one eyar, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The SSA programme is being implemented in all districts of the country to achieve the goal of universalisation of elementary education in time bound manner, in mission mode. Various incentives including cooked mid day meal are being provided to ensure universal enrolment of children in rural areas, in the 6-14 years age group. Consequently 98% of rural India, now nas a primary school within one kilometer and remaining rural habitations have alternate schooling arrangements including Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS).

(b) State-wise data for students enrolled during last statistical recording year 2004-05 is given in the enclosed Statement.

*Statement*

*State-wise enrolment during* 2004-05

| Sl.No. | States/UTs | No. of students enrolled | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Classes I-V | Classes VI-VIII | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 7692411 | 3643030 | 11335441 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 184673 | 59670 | 244343 |
| 3. | Assam | 3510665 | 1389755 | 4900420 |
| 4. | Bihar | 10042119 | 2208989 | 12251108 |

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